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To the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee of the Urban District Council of Royton.

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting for your consideration, my Annual Report on the health of the district for the year 1958. The statistical details of the year's Public Health activities and happenings are set out and tabulated in the body of the report, so that I shall here confine myself to commenting on points of special interest and importance.

The mid-year population as estimated by the Registrar General was 14,350, which represents a decrease of 422 on the 1951 census figure. Deaths from all sources amounted to 180, the principal causes being diseases of the heart and circulatory system, cancer, bronchitis and pneumonia. Live births totalled 190; there were no maternal deaths and only 3 infant deaths during the year.

Infectious diseases notified in 1958 numbered 206 - an increase of 20 over the preceding year. Dysentery, measles and scarlet fever between them accounted for 93% of the total notified cases. One case of poliomyelitis occurred which fortunately proved mild and non-paralytic with full recovery. Only one case of whooping cough was notified. The gradual decrease over recent years in the incidence of this illness suggests the efficacy of the intensive "immunisation" campaign introduced some years ago. The offer of vaccination against poliomyelitis was extended during the year to all persons between 6 months and 26 years of age. The limiting factor in the numbers vaccinated to date has been the uncertainty about regular and adequate supplies of vaccine being available to meet increasing demands. Seven of the eight notified food poisoning cases were members of a party involved in an outbreak following a works dinner in a Canteen situated in a neighbouring district. While Laboratory investigations were not conclusive the history and clinical features of the outbreak have little doubt that it was caused by food contaminated with a germ known as Clostridium Welchii - commonly associated with inadequately cooked and reheated meat products.

As regards housing, 40 dwellings were demolished during the year in pursuance of demolition orders. Out of a total 191 houses scheduled for clearance/demolition in the five year period ending in 1960 one hundred have now been dealt with. Reference was made in last year's report to the high proportion of new houses being devoted to the needs of old people and to the Special Scheme which the Council had in hand for supplying extra facilities in a specially designed block of flats in order to enable feeble but independent minded old folk to continue to reside within the community in the added comfort and security of suitably designed accommodation and with emergency assistance at hand when necessary from a Resident Warden. The completion of the project in the near future will represent a social advance, the success of which can have far reaching effects.

It is gratifying to record the action taken by the Council towards promoting the 1st Smoke Control Area in the district and indeed in the area, and also the evident determination to continue the job of clearing the air as expeditiously as possible.

While inspection visits to shops, food premises, and dwelling-houses showed a welcome increase compared with the previous years there is need for a considerable further improvement to ensure that the necessary standards are complied with and maintained.

Finally I thank the Chairman and members of the Health Committee for their unfailing encouragement and support. I acknowledge the help received from the Clerk and other officers of the Council, and I am specially indebted to the Public Health Inspector and the staff of the department for their co-operation and ever-willing help.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen, Your obedient Servant,

T. P. O'GRADY,



General Statistics

| | Area in Acres | 2,149 |
|---|---|--|
| | D • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • | 14,772 14,350 |
| | Number of inhabited houses at end of 1958 | 5,127 |
| | Rateable value | .56,720 |
| | Sum represented by penny rate | £620 |
| | Vital Statistics | |
| 1 | 1. Live Births 2. Live birth rate per 1,000 population - crude - 3. " " " " " - Adjusted - | 190 13.24 13.77 4 20.62 194 3 15.79 15.79 NIL 5.26 |
| | (first four weeks) 12. Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births 13. Maternal deaths (including abortion) 14. Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and still-births 15. Total deaths - all ages 16. Death rate (crude) per 1,000 population 17. Death rate (adjusted) per 1,000 population | 5.26 NIL NIL 180 12.89 14.44 |

Comparative table for years 1954 - 1958

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|---|---------------------|---------------------|--|-------------|-------------|----------------------|
| | | 1958 | 1957 | 1956 | 1955 | 1954 |
| Livebirths | No. Adj. Rate | . 190 13.77 | 202 14.6 | 179 13.1 | 191 13.9 | 192 13 . 9 |
| Deaths (All causes) | No. Adj. Rate | 180 14.44 | 192 15.0 | 179 1√.0 | 191 13.6 | 174 12.4 |
| Stillbirths | No. | 4. 20.62 | 4 19 | 2 11 | 2 10 | 5 25 |
| Maternal Mortality | No. | Nil Nil | Nil Nil | Nil Nil | Nil Nil | Nil Nil |
| Infant Mortality Deaths in infants under 1 year old | No. Rate | 3 15 . 79 | 3 15 | 8 45 | 6 31 | 5 26 |
| Neo-natal mortality Deaths of infants under 4 weeks old | No. Rate | 1 5.3 | 1 5 | 6 34 | 3 16 | ¹ 4 21 |



DEATHS

| ţ | | - | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | | , | | |
|--|---------|-------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Causes | M | F | 1958 Total | 1957 Total | 1956 Total | 1955 Total | 1954 Total |
| Tuberculosis - Resp. | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| Other | - | - | - | | - | - | |
| Syphilitic Disease | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - |
| Malignant neoplasms - | | | _ | | | | |
| Stomach | 3 7 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 3 |
| Lung and Bronchus Breast | (| 1 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 3 5 |
| Uterus | - | 1 | 1 1 | 2 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Other | 10 | 6 | 16 | 12 | 3 | 6 | |
| Leukaemia, Aleukaemia | 10 | _ | 10 | 12 | 14 | 21 2 | 14 |
| Diabetes | 1 | 1 | 2 | | _ | - | |
| Vascular lesions of nervous | _ | _ | _ | | İ | _ | |
| system | 6 | 16 | 22 | 21 | 12 | 25 | 25 |
| Coronary disease - Angina | 10 | 11 | 21 | 19 | 6 | 15 | 14 |
| Hypertension with Heart | | | | | | | |
| disease | 5 | 2 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Other heart disease | 17 | 17 | 34 | 41 | 19 | 42 | 45 7 |
| Other circulatory disease | 6 | 2 | 8 | 6 | 29 | 11 | 7 |
| Influenza Pneumonia | | 2 5 1 | 2 | 6 | - | 1 | - |
| Bronchitis | 3 10 | り | 8 | 12 12 | 3 20 | 13 | 2 |
| Other diseases of | 10 | 1 | 111 | 12 | 20 | 7 | 15 |
| respiratory system | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2, | ı | 2 |
| Ulcer of stomach and | | | _ | | 4 | | - |
| duodenum | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Gastro-Enteritis and | _ | _ | | | | | |
| diarrhoea | | - | _ | 1 | - | - | _ |
| Nephritis and Nephrosis | 1 | 1 | 2 | - | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| Hyperplasia of prostate | 3 | - | 3 | 1 | 1 | - | _ |
| Congenital malformations | _ | _ | _ | 4 | 1 | _ | 1 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Other defined and ill- | 1 | 177 | 15 | 177 | 06 | 0.7 | 07 |
| defined diseases Motor vehicle accidents | 4 | 11 | 15 | 17 | 26 | 23 | 21 |
| All Other accidents | 3 2 | 1 1 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 1 7 |
| Suicide Suicide | ۵. | |) | 4 | 8 | 3 | 1 3 2 |
| Homicide and operations | _ | _ | | 4 | | 1 | - |
| of war | - | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | - |
| | | | | | _ | | |
| | 05 | 85 | 180 | 192 | 181 | 191 | ולד ר |
| | 95 | | 100 | 172 | TOT | 171 | 174 |
| L | L | l | 1 | I | 1 | 1 | |

DEATHS

| | М | F | 1958 total | 1957 total | 1956 total | 1955 total | 1954 total |
|---|------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Under 1 1 - 5 5 - 15 15 - 25 25 - 45 45 - 65 65 - 75 Over 75 | 2 - 1 2 31 29 30 | 1 - 1 - 1 19 26 37 | 3 1 3 50 55 67 | 3 1 - 6 51 56 72 | 8 - 2 8 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 | 5 1 2 3 37 61 83 | 5 - 2 13 50 53 50 |
| Totals | 95 | 85 | 180 | 192 | 181 | 191 | 174 |



1. Statistics

The following table shows the number of cases of infectious diseases notified, in age groups, together with the number admitted to hospital and the deaths from these diseases:-

| Tpeapep:- | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------|--------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|------------|------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| | | Cases Notified Years | | | | | | | | | ses remov- | |
| | Age Unknown | 0 - 1 | 1 - 5 | 5 - 15 | 15 - 25 | 25 - 45 | 59 - 57 | 65 and Over | Total 1958 | Total 1957 | Total cases el to hospit | Total Deaths |
| Scarlet Fever | 1 | - | 21 | 37 | - | _ | - | - | 58 | 9 | 6 | - |
| Whooping Cough | - | - | .1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 10 | - | - |
| Measles | - | 3 | 26 | 8 | - | - | - | - | 37 | 63 | 1 | |
| Pneumonia | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 2 | 3 | 8 | - | - |
| Meningococcal Infection | - | | - | - | - | - | - | _ | _ | - | _ | _ |
| Dysentery | - | 3 | 57 | 22 | 3 | 10 | 2 | _ | 97 | 89 | 8 | - |
| Puerperal Pyrexia | - | _ | _ | _ | _ | - | - | _ | - | _ | - | - |
| Oththalmia Neomatorium | - | - | - | - | - | _ | - | - | - | 1 | - | - |
| Erysipelas | _ | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | 2 | - | - |
| Food Poisoning | 7 | | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 8 | 4 | - | - |
| Poliomyelitis | | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | | 1 | - | 1 | _ |
| TOTALS | 7 | 6 | 106 | 67 | 3 | 10 | 4. | 3 | 206 | 186 | 16 | _ |

2. Diphtheria

Again there were no cases of diphtheria - the ninth successive year. Thanks largely to immunisation we have remained free from it. Every child should have this protection carried out before its first birthday and further protective doses should be given every five years up to the age of 15 or 16. Neglect of these precautions even on a moderate scale might re-awaken the disease amongst the unprotected children. The Ministry estimate that at least 75% of all children born each year should be immunised if this infection is to remain dormant.

3. Scarlet Fever

There were 58 notifications of this disease against 9 in the previous year. All were mild cases.

4. Measles and Whooping Cough

Only 37 cases of Measles were notified compared with 63 in 1957. There was 1 notification of Whooping Cough as against 10 in 1957.

5. Poliomyelitis

One case of Poliomyelitis was reported during the year. This proved to be a very mild non-paralytic case. Isolation and quarantine precautions of the patient and contacts were taken.



6. Dysentery

Dysentery cases rose from 89 in 1957 to 97. Most of the cases occurred in the 1 - 15 age group, and although mild in charater this infection is of considerable nuisance value in the amount of work it throws on the Department in arranging for Laboratory Examination of Specimens

7. Food Poisoning

There were 8 cases during the year in the District. Seven of the cases were part of an outbreak occuring in Chadderton Urban District, following the consumption of infected food at a works dinner mill canteen.

3. Tuberculosis

New Cases and Mortality during 1958

| | | New Ca | ases | | Deaths | | | | |
|----------------|------------------|--------|---------------------|---|---------|-------|---------------------|---|--|
| Age Periods | Respiratory | | Non- Respiratory | | Respire | atory | Non- Respiratory | | |
| | М | F | M | Ŧ | M | F | M | F | |
| Years | | | | | | | | | |
| 0 - 5 | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| 5 - 15 | - | | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| 15 - 25 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| 25 - 35 . | 1 | | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| 35 - 45 | 1 | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | |
| 45 - 55 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| 55 - 65 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | |
| Over 65 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| | 6 | 1 | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | _ | |
| Totals | *Baranganiana.ur | 7 | | | | 2 | | | |

The number of cases remaining on the register on 31st December, 1958, was:-

| | MALE | FEMALE | TOTAL |
|-----------------|------|--------|-------|
| Respiratory | 39 | 33 | 72 |
| Non-Respiratory | 7 | 5 | 12 |
| Totals | 46 | 38 | 84 |



GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

The following services are administered by the Lancashire County Council through the No. 14 Health Divisional Office at "Tylon", Middleton Road, Chadderton:

Maternity and Child Welfare Service
Midwifery Services
Mental Health Service
Home Help Service
Ambulance Service
Care of School Children
Care of the Aged
General Welfare Service

MATERNITY SERVICE

Two domicillary midwifes serve the district. The ante-natal clinic is held at the school clinic, Milton Street, on Wednesday afternoon at 2-0 o'clock. The midwifes are:-

Mrs. M. Dickinson 54 Milton Street, Royton (MAIn 5669)
Mrs. M. E. Maxwell 42 Church Street, Royton (MAIn 8299)

DISTRICT NURSING

There are two district nurses serving the district and one male nurse available for special cases:-

| Miss S. Todd | 11 Stottfield, Royton | (MAIn 2896) |
|------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Mrs. E. Brock | 2 Dale Square, Royton | (MAIn 6593) |
| Mr C S Groasdale | 19 Garforth Street Chadderton | (MATn 6903) |

CLINICS

Regular sessions of the following clinics are held at Milton Street, Royton, as follows:-

Ante natal and post natal: Every Wednesday afternoon at 2-0 o'clock Maternity and Child Welfare: Every Monday and Thursday afternoons at 2-0 o'clock

IMMUNISATION

Protective inoculation is available against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Poliomyelitis. During 1958 the offer of Poliomyelitis Vaccination was extended to all persons aged between 6 months and 26 years of age.

Arrangements for immunisation are by appointment at Milton Street Clinic or by arrangement with the Family Doctor.

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

The Divisional Medical Officer and Assistant Divisional Medical Officer are also School Medical Officers. Clinics are held at Milton Street, Royton, as follows:-

Minor Ailments:
Ophthanlmic:
Dental:

Every Monday and Thursday morning Alternate Monday mornings Vacant

CARE OF CHILDREN UNDER THE CHILDREN ACT, 1948

The work in connection with Infant Life Protection and Adoption of Children is carried out by the Lancashire County Council.

The Area Children's Officer for this District is Miss Thompson at Enville House. Scotland Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, telephone No. ASHton 2933.



DAY NURSERIES

There is one day nursery at Radcliffe Street which is the responsibility of the County Council. There are also five industrial nurseries, i.e.

B.F.K.L.T. Day Nursery Vine and Grape Day Nursery Monarch Mill Day Nursery Park Mill Day Nursery Sandy Lane Mill Day Nursery

AMBULANCE

The ambulance service is provided by the Lancashire County Council and is now under Radio-Control from a control centre at Radcliffe (RAD. 3021)

HOME HELP SERVICE

Home helps are available for emergency cases, priority being given to maternity cases, general sickness cases, and the elderly and infirm. The services of a home help can be obtained on application to the Divisional Medical Officer.

UNMARRIED MOTHERS AND ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN

Provisions for their care is made by the Lancashire County Council in conjunction with Voluntary Moral Welfare Organisations.

WELFARE SERVICE

Under arrangements made by the Lancashire County Council residential accommodation, for persons in need of care and attention not otherwise available, is provided at four hostels situated within the Division.

The statutory services comprising health visitors, home nurses, home helps and laundry service, co-operate with the voluntary bodies providing chiropody, home visiting, meals-on-wheels, etc., in order to enable old people to continue to live happily in their own homes.

TUBERCULOSIS

The Chest Clinic is situated in the Oldham and District General Hospital where all suspected cases of Tuberculosis are referred. X-Ray facilities are available at the Clinic.

HOSPITAL SERVICE

Hospitals available to residents of Royton are:-

General and Maternity cases:

Oldham and District General Hospital

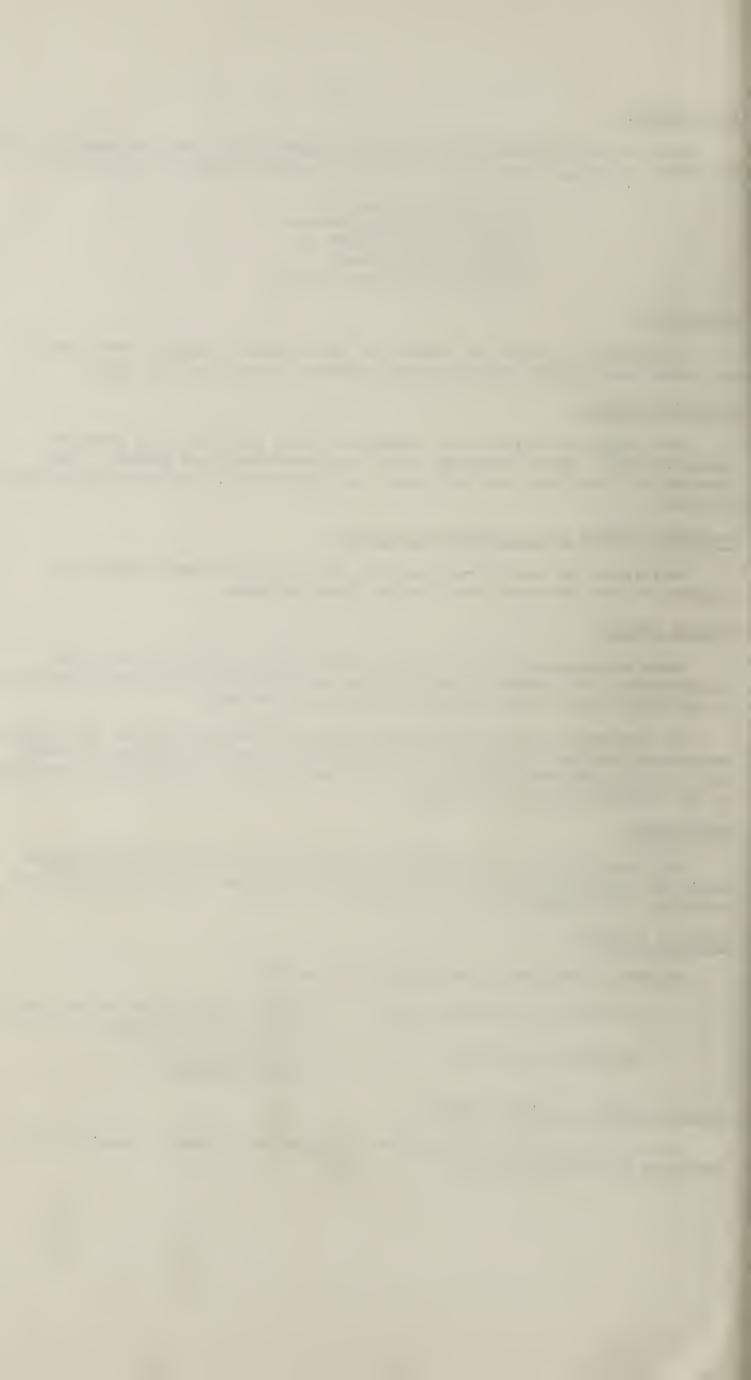
Oldham Royal Infirmary

Infectious Diseases:

Westhulme Hospital Monsall Hospital

HEALTH VISITORS AND SCHOOL NURSES

Two full time Health Visitors/School Nurses are employed, together with a part-time School/Clinic Nurse.



To the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee of the Urban District Council of Royton.

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting for your consideration, the Annual Report upon the Sanitary Administration of the District and the work done by the Public Health Inspectors during the year 1958.

During the past year, following on the resignation in February of Mr. C. P. Webb, assistant Public Health Inspector, the Senior Public Health Inspector Mr. L. Whiteley, resigned in April, and it was not until June that I was appointed as the Public Health Inspector. 1958 also brought a change of office accommodation to a brighter and more appropriate room.

The heavy burden of meat inspection which in the past had seriously restricted the other health activities of the inspectors was, during this year, transferred to a Veterinary Surgeon, with the result that it was possible to make a start on the inspections of shops, factories, food premises, and swimming baths.

However, in the forthcoming year, much more remains to be done. The factories and shops need to be visited and the food premises need much more than a call once in a while. The meat inspection needs a full time inspector in the Department to ensure proper control of slaughtering and to ensure 100% inspections.

The Council brought into being, during April, Byelaws made under the Clean Air Act, 1956, which relate to smoke prevention and are an addition to the existing Building Bye-laws.

With the coming into operation of the Smoke Control Areas, it is forseen that much of my time is going to be taken up with visits and interviews. When one considers that every house will be visited at an absolute minimum of three times, one may visulise the extensiveness of the scheme. The Smoke Control Area, when finalized, needs to be enlarged quickly.

The obsolete waste water closets need converting with more rapidity than at the present. I would suggest that the grant aid system be increased to 50% of the cost as an encouragement to this end.

The slum clearance programme needs to be steadily proceeded with, entailing a considerable amount of general and detailed housing inspections throughout the District.

It is with this in mind, and the fact that much of the routine inspection of the District has of necessity been neglected over recent years, that I would suggest that Members of the Council consider increasing the Staff of the Health Department.

In conclusion I would like to place on record my thanks to Members and Officials of the Council, and in particular to Dr. T. P. O'Grady and Miss May for their invaluable co-operation and assistance which I have received.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, Your obedient Servant,

C. BUCKLEY,

Public Health Inspector.



SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

Atmospheric Pollution

Measurement

Various methods are available depending on what particular consituent is being measured. In common with surrounding districts, Royton belongs to the Manchester and District Smoke Abatement Society and pays for two lead peroxide gauges sited at Hanging Chadder Farm and Royton Park. These are used for measuring the sulphur dioxide content of the atmosphere. Very simply the gauge consists of a louvred box containing a material coated with a chemical which reacts with the sulphur dioxide in the air.

Each month, by chemical analyses, the amount of reaction that has taken place is calculated and the results expressed in terms of sulphur trioxide per unit surface area of the chemical material. Individual findings are subject to so many variable factors that a true interpretation of results in any district can only be based on repeated observations at a large number of points over a period of years. Nor can the results in any one district be fairly related to that in another, unless among other things the siting of the instruments are fully comparable. It is the practice in interpreting the results to compare summer and winter periods with like periods. The attached table shows the readings obtained for each month of 1957 & 1958, from the two instruments located in the district of Royton.

Investigation of Atmospheric Pollution - Joint Scheme No. 2

Estimation of Sulphur Dioxide expressed as mgms.

SC₃/day/100 cm² Batch A.PbO₂ (Louvred cover)

Year 1957 and 1958

| SITE | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUNE | JULY | AUG | SEPT | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|--------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|---------------|
| Hanging Chadder Farm - 1957 | 2.80 | 2.54 | 2.30 | 2.42 | 1.81 | 1.83 | 1.94 | 1.73 | ø | ø | ø | ø |
| Hanging Chadder Farm - 1958 | ø | 3.65 | 3.45 | 2.32 | 2.03 | 1.81 | 1.52 | 1.51 | 2.12 | 2.65 | 3.77 | 4.64 |
| Royton Park - 1957 | 3.32 | ź.95 | 2.43 | 1.74 | 1.40 | 1.21 | 1.12 | 1.05 | 143 | 2.27 | 2.33 | 2.09 |
| Royton Park - 1958 | 3.36 | 2.38 | 2.52 | 1.68 | 1,65 | 1.22 | 1.04 | 1.20 | 130 | 2,21 | 2.69 | 3 . 38 |
| | | | | | | | | | | ļ | | |

In making a comparison and assessing whether there are lasting changes or trends in the amount of sulphur dioxide emmited, the important factors are:-

- (a) seasonal variations in the emission of sulphur dioxide
- (b) seasonal variations in the frequency of winds of different directions
- (c) irregular variations in the frequency of winds

ø Post damaged



Water Supply

In general the area received a piped water supply from Oldham Corporation. This supply of upland surface water has occasioned a few complaints during the year, but following investigations and co-operation with the Oldham Corporation Water Department a satisfactory water supply has been maintained. There are still some isolated places where families have to rely on surface water springs supplying pumps or wells from which water must be carried in buckets.

There have been 13 samples of water submitted for bacteriological examination. The following are the results:
Results

| 10 | samples | submitted | by | Oldham | |
|----|---------|-----------|----|--------|--|
| | Corpora | tion | | | |

3 samples submitted by the Health Department

| Satisfactory | Not Satisfactory |
|--------------|--|
| | |
| | 7 |
| 9 | 1 |
| | |
| - | 3 |
| | The state of the s |

In the case of the one unsatisfactory sample submitted by the Oldham Corporation work was carried out on the water main and the cause found and remedy was effected.

In the case of the three samples submitted by the Health Department, these were from an isolated farm, and advise on the usage of the water was given.

Sewerage and Drainage

Sewage is treated at the Council's Sewage Disposal Works at Streetbridge in detritus and precipitation tanks, afterwards passing through percolating filters to humus tanks and thence the effluent is discharged into the River Irk. Sludge drying beds are provided. The only areas of the district without a proper drainage system are isolated farm communities and few domestic properties

Factories

Eight inspections were made during the year. These factories were found to comply with the requirements of the Act.

Public Cleansing

The Transport Committee controls the public cleansing department which maintains once weekly collection service over the greater part of the year. Disposal is by tipping on land, a tractor-dozer being used to help control of the tip.

Dustbins are replaced by the Council, the cost being borne by the Rate Fund. 511 dustbins were supplied during the year under this replacement scheme.

Sanitary Accommodation

The following table shows the approximate number of the various sanitary conveniences in the district at the end of the year.

CLOSETS

| Privy - midden closets | NIL |
|------------------------|-------|
| Pail Closets | 31 |
| Trough Closets | NIL |
| Waste Water Closets | 625 |
| Fresh Water Closets | 4,760 |

Of the 5,127 houses in the district less than 1% are not on the water carried system but there still remains 625 waste water closets, only 36 of this type were converted to fresh water type during the year, and there are still far too many houses using a shared water closet situated in communal backs.

Shops and Offices

20 routine inspections of shops were made during the latter part of the year.



Swimming Baths

Four inspections were made during the latter part of the year and two samples of water from the plunge were submitted for bacteriological examination. Both results were satisfactory.

Rodent Control

One trained Rodent Operator is employed part time on this work. Regular surveys were made and all complaints given promptattention. All sewers in the District received two treatments in accordance with the methods approved by the responsible Ministry, and routine inspections and treatments were made at other Council properties.

The South East Lancashire advisory committee meets twice yearly under the auspices of the Divisional Rodent Office, joint action is planned between representatives when necessary.

The following table shows the number of inspections and treatments carried out during the period under review:-

Summary of Rodent Control Work

| | (1) local Authority | (2) Dwelling Houses | (3) All other including business premises | (4) Total of Cols. (1) (2) & (3) | (5) Agri- cultural | | |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|---|---|--------------------------|--|--|
| I. Number of proper- ties in Local Authorities District | 8 | 5 , 127 | 1,080 | 6 , 215 | 20 | | |
| II. Number of properties inspected as a result of: (a) notification | 2 | 228 | 126 | 356 | 20 | | |
| (b) Survey under the Act | 6 | _ | | 6 | - | | |
| (c) Otherwise | - | - | ena. | | | | |
| III. Number of properties inspected (Sec. II) found to be infested by: (a) Major Rats Minor (b) Major Mice Minor | - 1 - 1 | - 30 - 41 | 20 - 11 | - 51 - 53 | 8 - - | | |
| IV. Number of infested properties (Sec. IV) treated by Local Authority | 2 | 71 | 31 | 104 | 8 | | |



INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Food Premises

Type of Business

30 visits were made to food premises during the latter part of the year. Although this shows some improvement, with the constantly recurring emphasis on outbreaks of food poisoning and dysentery, it is not a happy state of affairs. Every food premises should be regularly visited as a matter of routine but this is an impossibility with the present Staff.

The following are the various types of premises in the district where food is prepared or sold:-

No.

| General grocers and provision dealers | 52 |
|--|-----------------------|
| Greengrocers and fruiterers | 11 |
| Fishmongers | 5 |
| Meat Shops (butchers, etc.) | 22 |
| Bakers and/or confectioners | 36 |
| Fried fish shops | 15 |
| Shops selling mainly sugar, confectionery, | 7 7 |
| minerals, etc. | 31 56 |
| Licensed premises, clubs, canteens, restaurants, etc | 6 56 |
| Others | 0 |
| W-71 G 7 | |
| Milk Supply | |
| Milk distributors | 74 |
| Dealer's licences - | (4 |
| - pasteurised milk | 5 |
| - sterilised milk | 1.5 |
| - tuberculin tested milk | 5 45 • 5 |
| Supplimentary Licences - |) |
| - pasterised milk | 18 |
| - sterilised milk | 17 |
| | 18 |
| - tuberculin tested milk | 10 |

Sampling milk is carried out by officers of the Lancashire County Council.

Sampling Food

I am indebted to Dr. S. C. Gawne, County Medical Officer of Health for the following particulars of samples taken within the district.

A total of 89 samples was obtained, of these 60 were/milk (six of those being Channel Islands Milk), and 29 others of various types of food and drugs:-

| l Borax |
|--------------------|
| 2 Pickles |
| 1 Sterilised cream |
| 1 Sago |
| 3 Sweets |
| 3 Beans - canned |
| 3 Gin |
| 2 Whisky |
| 1 Rum |
| |
| |

The samples were submitted for analysis to the County Analyst and were reported to be genuine, with the exception of one sample of milk which had a fat content of 2.9%, and which was also reported to be low in solids-not-fat. In this instance, the vendor was notified of the fat deficiency.

Unsound Food

The following foodstuffs were found to be unfit for food on examination:-

| Tinned | meats Fruits | 54 lbs. | Liquid Tinned | Egg Carrots | $\frac{11}{3\frac{1}{2}} \text{ lbs.}$ |
|--------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------|--|
| 11 | Milk | 3 lbs. | 11 | Rice | 1 lb. |
| 11 | Tomatoes | $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. | 11 | Beans | $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. |
| 11 | Peas | $2\frac{1}{2}$ lbs, | | | |



Slaughterhouses and Meat Inspection

Slaughtering continued increasingly in the three private slaughterhouses during the year.

It is time a full-time inspector was appointed to cope with the throughput of these premises if it is to be assured that adequate and efficient meat inspection is to be had and maintained.

The veterinary surgeon, who is employed on a part-time basis, for the inspection of meat, inspected approximately 95% of the cattle, sheep and pigs alaughtered at the three private slaughterhouses.

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part:

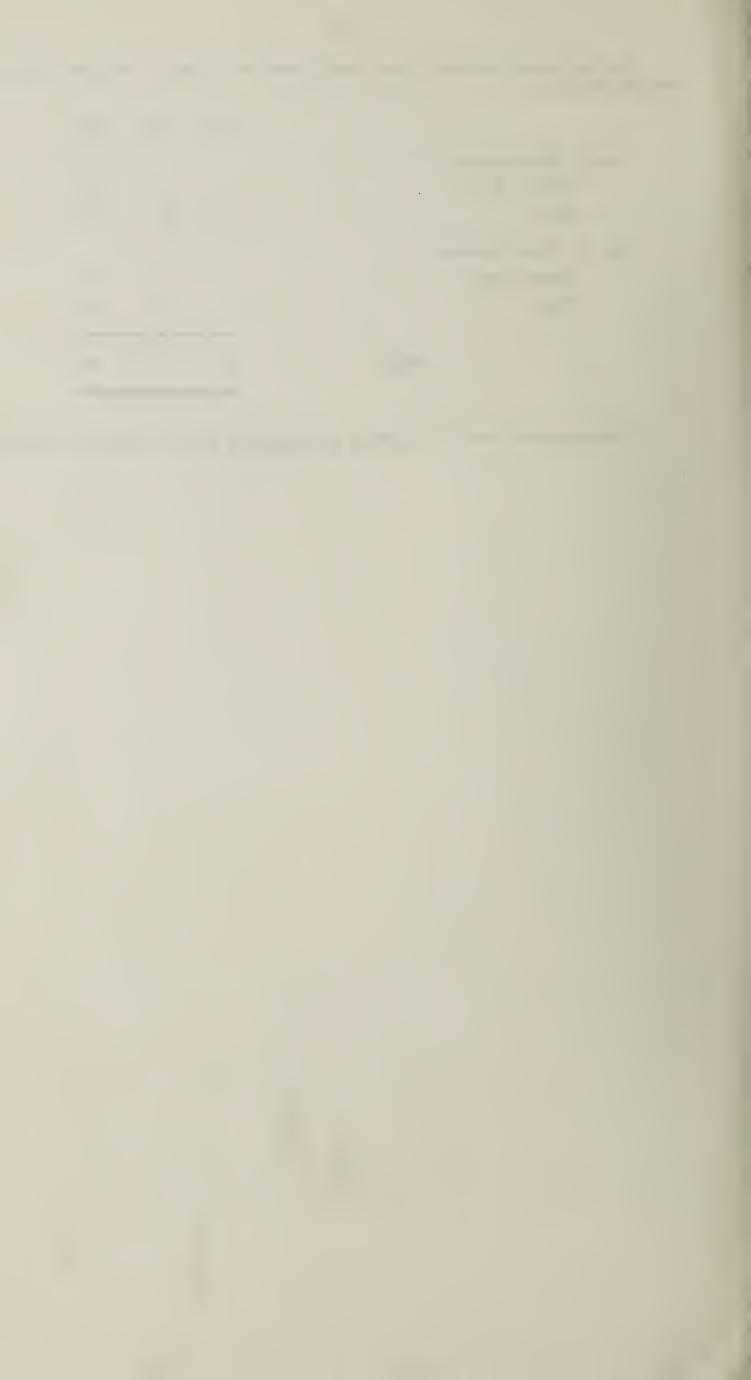
| | Cattle Excluding Cows | Cows | Calves | Sheep & Lambs | Pigs |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------|--------|---------------------|-------|
| Number inspected | 6,712 | 2,726 | 316 | 34,851 | 5,688 |
| All diseases except Tuberculosis Whole carcases condemned | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned | 264 | 261 | - | | 1 |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci | 3.95% | 5 <u>.</u> 6% | - | - | .035% |
| Tuberculosis only Whole carcases condemned | 2 | 3 | _ | - | 1 |
| Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned | 56 | 77 | | - | 6 |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis | .86% | 2.93% | - | - | .123% |
| Cysticercosis Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned | - | - | - | - | - |
| Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration | | - | - | - | - |
| Generalized and totally condemned | - | - | - | - | - |



The following amounts of meat were found to be unfit for food at the slaughterhouses:-

| | Tons | Cwts. | Lbs. |
|----------------------|------|-------|------|
| Due to Tuberculosis: | | • | |
| Carcase Meat | 2 | 1 | 54 |
| Offal | 1 | 15 | 36 |
| Due to Other disease | | | |
| Carcase Meat | | 9 | 67 |
| Offal | 4 | 3 | 39 |
| TOTAL | 8 | 9 | 84 |

The condemned meat is collected and disposed of by an approved trader.



Number of Houses erected during the year -

| Mumbe | el ol monden electrica antime on | .5 / 5042 | |
|-------|--|--|----------------|
| (a) | By Local Authority | Flats Houses | 20 |
| (b) | By other Local Authorities | Flats Houses | . - |
| (c) | By other bodies or persons | Flats Houses | - 70 |
| Insp | ection of dwelling-houses duri | ng the year - | |
| (a) | (1) Total number of dwelling or informally for housing Acts | ing defects (under Public | 283 |
| | (2) Number of inspections, the purpose | formal or informal made for | 436 |
| (b) | Number of dwelling-houses un not capable at a reasonable | fit for human habitation and expense of being rendered fit. | |
| | (1) Number found during the | | 21 |
| | (2) Total number (or estimated of year | ted number) existing at end | 284 |
| (c) | Number of defective dwelling consequence of informal act their officers under the Ho | -houses rendered fit in ion by the Local Authority or using or Public Health Acts. | 31 |
| Acti | on under statutory powers dur | ing the year - | |
| (a) | Proceedings under sections 9 | , and 16 of the Housing Act, 195 | 7: |
| ` ' | (1) Number of dwelling-hous notices were served re | es in respect of which formal | 1 |
| | (2) Number of dwelling-hous formal notices, were | ses which, after service of | |
| | (i) By owners (ii) By Local Authorit: | ies in default of owners | NIL |
| (b) | Proceedings under Public Hea | | |
| | notices were served re | ses in respect of which formal equiring defects to be remedied | NIL |
| | (2) Number of dwelling-hou remedied after servic | ses in which defects were e of formal notices:- | |
| | (i) By owners (ii) By Local Authorit | | NIL NIL |
| (0) | Act, 1957: | 16, 17, and 35 of the Housing | |
| | Demolition or Closing | | 21 |
| | of Demolition Orders | ses demolished in pursuance | 40 |
| | takings "not to occup Authority | ses in respect of which under- by" were accepted by the Local | 1 |
| | (4) Number of persons dispunder section 17 of | placed from property dealt with the Housing Act, 1957 | 95 |
| | | | |



| (d) | Proceedings under section 42 of the Housing Act, 1957: | |
|------|--|------------|
| () | (1) Number of clearance areas represented | NIL |
| | (2) Number of houses concerned in (1) | NIL |
| | (3) Number of areas cleared | NIL |
| | (4) Number of houses concerned in (3) | NIL |
| | (5) Number of residents displaced in (3) and (4) | NIL |
| | (6) Number of houses and flats built by Local Authority to re-house residents displaced under Clearance Orders | NIL |
| Hous | ng Acts, 1949 - 54, Improvement Grants - | |
| (a) | (1) Number of Schemes submitted: | |
| | (i) By private individuals to Local Authority (ii) By Local Authority to Ministry | NIL NIL |
| | (2) Number of dwelling-houses or other buildings affected | 22 |
| (b) | (1) Number of Schemes finally approved | 22 |
| | (2) Number of dwelling-houses or other buildings affected | 22 |
| | (3) Number of additional separate dwellings to be provided under these approved Schemes | NIL |
| (c) | Number of additional separate dwellings actually completed during the year | NIL |
| (d) | Any other action taken under the Act | NIL |





